GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:172
ANSWERED ON:27.11.2007
ASIAN MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE ON DISASTER RISK REDUCTION
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Asian Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction was held recently; and

(b) if so, the details of the various issues discussed and the outcome thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI V. RADHIKA SELVI)

(a) & (b): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) & (b) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 172 FOR ANSWER ON 27.11.2007 REGARDING `ASIAN MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE ON DISASTER RISK REDUCTION".

The Second Asian Ministerial Conference was organized by Ministry of Home Affairs in partnership with international bodies including United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (UN ISDR), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the World Bank, World Health Organization (WHO), United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP), Asian Development Bank (ADB), South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC), United Nations International Children`s Emergency Fund (UNICEF), Asian Disaster Preparedness Centre (ADPC), Asian Disaster Reduction Centre (ADRC), Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) and United States Agency for International Development (USAID).

The Conference was attended by delegates of 51 national governments in Asia and Pacific region, representatives of United Nations agencies, regional organizations, other international agencies, experts, Non Governmental Organizations, line Ministries of Government of India and State Governments.

The following issues were discussed in the Conference:

Review the action taken by the national governments and other stakeholders for the implementation of the "Hyogo Framework for Action 2005 - 2015: Building the Resilience of Nations and Communities to Disasters", adopted by 168 countries at the World Conference on Disaster Reduction in Kobe, Japan in January 2005;

Review the implementation of Beijing Action for Disaster Risk Reduction in Asia adopted in First Asian Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction at Beijing, China in September, 2005;

Initiatives taken in various sub-regions of Asia for promoting and enhancing cooperation among the nations within and outside the governments for disaster risk reduction;

Sharing and exchange best practices and lessons learned from disaster risk reduction in various fields including application of science and technology, community based disaster preparedness, public-private partnership etc; and

Development of a vision and roadmap for disaster risk reduction in Asia and the Pacific.

At the end, the Conference adopted `Delhi Declaration 2007` which would pave the way for stronger regional partnership for disaster risk reduction and also for effective implementation of Hyogo Framework for Action in Asia and the Pacific region with the participation of national governments, regional and sub-regional organizations, civil societies, private sector, media and UN agencies.